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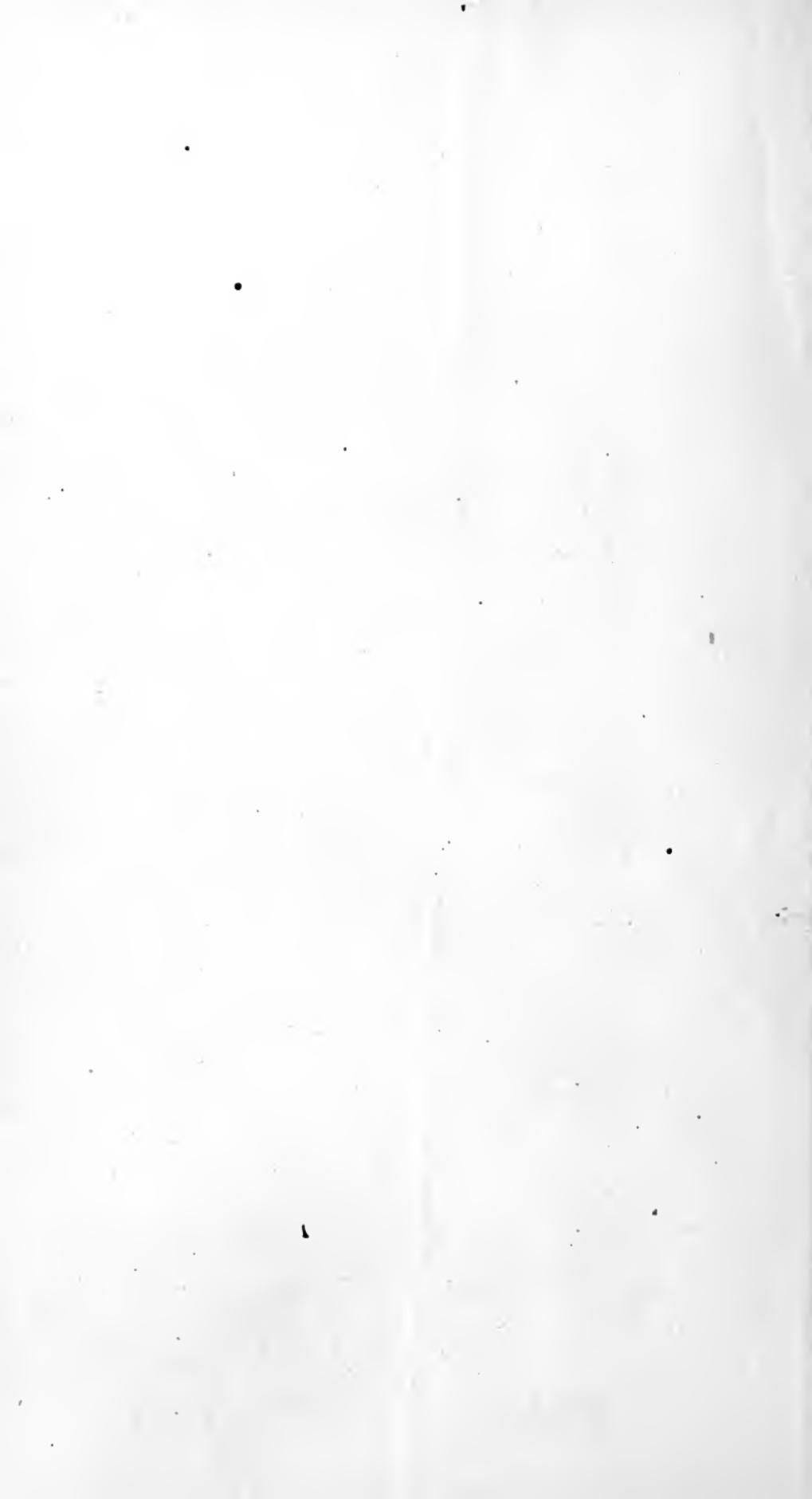
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PREAMBLE.

That the design of the Founders of this Seminary may be publicly known, and be sacredly regarded by the Directors, Professors and Students, it is judged proper to make the following preliminary statement:

A number of Christians, both clergymen and laymen in the cities of New York and Brooklyn, deeply impressed with the claims of the world upon the Church of Christ to furnish a competent supply of well-educated and pious ministers of the Gospel; impressed also with the inadequacy of all existing means for this purpose; and believing that large cities furnish many peculiar facilities and advantages for conducting theological education; having, after several meetings for consultation and prayer, again convened on the 18th of January, A.D. 1836, unanimously adopted the following resolution and declarations:

§ 1. RESOLVED, in humble dependence on the grace of God, to attempt the establishment of a Theological Seminary in the City of New York.

§ 2. In this Institution it is the design of the Founders to furnish the means of a full and thorough education, in all the subjects taught in the best Theological Seminaries in this or other countries.

§ 3. Being fully persuaded that vital godliness, a thorough education, and practical training in the works of benevolence and pastoral labor, are all essential to meet the wants and promote the best interests of the kingdom of Christ, the Founders of this Seminary design that its students, remaining under pastoral influence, and performing the duties of church members in the several churches to which they belong, or with which they worship, in prayer-meetings, in the instruction of Sabbath-schools and Bible-classes, and being conversant with all the benevolent efforts of the present day in this great community, shall have the opportunity of adding to solid learning and true piety the teachings of experience.

§ 4. By the foregoing advantages, the Founders hope and expect, with the blessing of God, to call forth and enlist, in the service of Christ and in the work of the ministry, genius, talent, enlightened piety and missionary zeal; and to qualify many for the labors and management of the various religious institutions, seminaries of learning, and enterprises of benevolence, which characterize the present times.

§ 5. In short, it is the design of the Founders to provide a Theological Seminary in the midst of the greatest and most growing community in the United States, which may commend itself to all men of moderate views and feelings, who desire to live free from party strife, and to stand aloof from all extremes of doctrine or of practice.

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ACT OF INCORPORATION.

*An Act to incorporate the Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York.—Passed March 27th, 1839.**

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

§ 1. Thomas McAuley, Henry White, Samuel H. Cox, Thomas H. Skinner, William Patton, Erskine Mason, Ichabod S. Spencer, Absalom Peters, William Adams, Nathanael E. Johnson, Henry A. Rowland, David Magie, Ansel D. Eddy, Selah B. Treat, Zechariah Lewis, Micah Baldwin, Charles Butler, Leonard Corning, Abijah Fisher, William M. Halsted, Caleb O. Halsted, Fisher Howe, Richard T. Haines, Joseph Otis, Anson G. Phelps, Pelatiah Perit, Cornelius Baker, and Knowles Taylor, and their associates, who are the present Directors, and their successors, are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of "The Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York;" and by that name shall have succession, and be capable in law of taking and holding by gift, grant and devise, or otherwise, and of purchasing and holding and conveying, both in law and equity, any estate, real or personal; provided, that the clear annual value or income of their real estate should not exceed the sum of fifteen thousand dollars; and their personal estate shall not exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars, exclusive of such Professorships as may be from time to time endowed.

§ 2. The government of the Seminary shall at all times be vested in a Board of Directors, which shall consist of twenty-eight members; one-half of whom shall be clergymen, and the other half laymen.

§ 3. The Board of Directors already chosen shall be divided into four classes, to be numbered one, two, three and four; the term of the first class shall expire in one, the second in two, the third in three, and the fourth in four years from the eighteenth of January last. The following persons shall be Directors of the first class: Thomas H. Skinner, William Adams, Samuel H. Cox, Selah B. Treat, Abijah Fisher, Joseph Otis, Caleb O. Halsted, and Leonard Corning. Of the second class: William Patton, Ichabod S. Spencer, Henry White, David Magie, Pelatiah Perit, Charles Butler, and Micah Baldwin. Of the third class: Henry A. Rowland, Absalom Peters, Nathanael E. Johnson, Fisher Howe, Richard T. Haines, William M. Halsted, and Anson G. Phelps. Of the fourth class: Thomas McAuley, Ansel D. Eddy, Erskine Mason, Zechariah Lewis, Knowles Taylor, and Cornelius Baker. Each class of Directors shall hereafter be chosen for, and hold their offices during, four years, and until a new election to supply the places of such class.

* Accepted by a vote of the Board of Directors, Dec. 30th, 1839.

§ 4. The members of any class of Directors may be eligible to a re-election; and each election shall take place at least one week previous to the expiration of the term of office of the class to be supplied. And the said Directors shall have power to fill all vacancies in their own Board, which may happen from year to year; and the appointment to fill such vacancy shall be valid for the unexpired term of the Director whose office shall be vacant.

§ 5. Equal privileges of admission and instruction, with all the advantages of the Institution, shall be allowed to students of every denomination of Christians.

§ 6. The Legislature may at any time alter or repeal this act.

CHARTER AMENDMENT No. 1.

An Act to amend the Charter of the Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York.—Passed May 1st, 1865.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

§ 1. It shall be lawful for the Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York, subject to existing laws, to take and hold, by gift, grant or devise or otherwise, and to purchase, hold and convey, any estate, real or personal; provided that the clear annual value or income of their real estate shall not exceed the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, and their personal estates shall not exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, exclusive of the Library, and of such Professorships and Scholarships as may be, from time to time, endowed.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 2.—PASSED APRIL 1, 1870.

§ 1. It shall be lawful for the Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York to take and hold by gift, grant or devise or otherwise, subject to all the provisions of law relating to devises and bequests by last Will and Testament, and to purchase hold and convey any estate, real or personal, for the purposes of their said incorporation; provided that their personal estate shall not exceed the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, exclusive of the Library, and of such Professorships, Scholarships and Lectureships as may be from time to time endowed.

§ 2. The government of the Seminary shall at all times be vested in a Board of Directors, which shall consist of not less than twenty-eight members, one-half of whom shall be clergymen and the other half laymen.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

AMENDMENT NO. 3.—PASSED MAY 11, 1874.

§ 1. The limitation of the amount of personal property which the "Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York" is, by existing Statutes, authorized to acquire, hold, and dispose of, is hereby increased from two hundred thousand dollars to five hundred thousand dollars exclusive of the Library, and of such Professorships, Scholarships and Lectureships, or other offices connected with the Educational Department of the Seminary as are now or may hereafter be, from time to time, endowed.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1.

Directors.

§ 1. No person shall be eligible to the office of Director unless he be a minister or member in good standing of some evangelical church, receiving the Westminster Confession of Faith as adopted by the Presbyterian churches in this country.

§ 2. Every Director, on entering upon his office and also after each re-election, shall make the following declaration in the presence of the Board, viz. :

"Approving of the plan and Constitution of the Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York, and of the Westminster Confession of Faith, and the Presbyterian Form of Church Government, I do solemnly promise to maintain the same, so long as I shall continue to be a member of the Board of Directors."

§ 3. In order to carry out the powers vested in them by the Act of Incorporation, the Board of Directors shall have authority to make their own By-Laws; hold, manage and disburse the funds of the Seminary; appoint all Officers, Professors and Teachers; fix their salaries, determine their duties; make laws for the regulation and government of the Institution; and, in general, to adopt all such measures, not inconsistent with the provisions of the said Act and of this Constitution, as the interests of the Seminary may require.

§ 4. The Board shall inaugurate the Professors, or any Officers of the Seminary, in such manner as they may deem expedient; shall watch over the fidelity of all who may be employed in giving instruction; shall judge of their competency, doctrine and morals; and shall have power, on suf-

ficient evidence that the interests of the Seminary so require, to remove any Officer, Professor or Teacher from office. The Board shall also exercise a paternal supervision over the whole Seminary, and shall inspect the discipline of the Faculty over the students.

§ 5. Seven members, at any meeting of the Board regularly convened, shall be a quorum for the transaction of all ordinary business, excepting the purchase and conveyance of real estate, the investment of funds, the appointment and removal of any member of the Faculty or permanent Teacher, and fixing of their salaries; which acts shall require an affirmative vote of not less than fifteen.

§ 6. The Board shall annually elect from its own number by ballot, and as often as may be necessary, a President of the Board, a Vice-President, a Recorder and a Treasurer, who shall hold their offices until others are elected, and whose duties shall be prescribed in the By-Laws. The Treasurer shall give his bond, with securities satisfactory to the Board, for the faithful performance of his duties.

§ 7. The Board may annually appoint from its own number an Executive Committee of seven, including the Recorder, who shall also be Clerk of the Committee. Four members shall be a quorum, and the Committee may transact all business not requiring an affirmative vote of fifteen, during the recesses of the Board. They shall keep full minutes of all their doings, and report the same to the next meeting of the Board for its approval.

§ 8. The Board may annually appoint from its own number a Finance Committee of five persons, of which the President, Vice-President and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members, who shall see to the collection, application and investment, as ordered by the Board, of all moneys subscribed for or belonging to the Seminary. They shall keep minutes of their proceedings, and report the same to the next meeting of the Board for its approval. They shall also report to the Board in writing, at the annual meeting, and at such other times as the Board may require, the state of the finances of the Seminary.

§ 9. The Board may annually elect Honorary Members, not exceeding twenty-five in number—for the term of one year; who may take part in the discussions of the Board, and serve on temporary committees, but shall have no vote.

§ 10. The Board shall hold at least four stated meetings in each year; and may meet as often on their own adjournment, or at the call of the presiding officer or Executive Committee, as may be deemed expedient. The absence of any member of the Board from three consecutive meetings, without excuse, shall be construed as equivalent to a resignation.

ARTICLE II.

The Faculty.

§ 1. The Faculty shall consist of the Professors of the Seminary, who shall be ordained ministers of the Gospel; one of whom may, by the appointment of the Board, sustain the office of President.

§ 2. Every member of the Faculty shall, on entering upon his office, and triennially thereafter, or when required by the Board, so long as he remains in office, make and subscribe the following declaration in the presence of the Board, viz.:

"I believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice; and I do now, in the presence of God and the Directors of this Seminary, solemnly and sincerely receive and adopt the Westminster Confession of Faith, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures. I do also, in like manner, approve of the Presbyterian Form of Government; and I do solemnly promise, that I will not teach or inculcate anything which shall appear to me to be subversive of the said system of doctrine, or of the principles of said Form of Government, so long as I shall continue to be a Professor in the Seminary."

§ 3. If any Professor shall refuse, at the stated time, or when required by the Board, to repeat the above declaration, he shall forthwith cease to be a Professor in the Institution.

§ 4. The Faculty shall have the immediate care and inspection of the students, and shall execute the laws of the Seminary; subject to the advice and control of the Board of Directors. They shall admit and dismiss students; discipline the disorderly; determine the daily duties of the students; and exercise a paternal care over all the members of the Seminary.

§ 5. A majority of the members of the Faculty shall be a quorum. They shall fix the time and manner of their own meetings; make their own By-Laws; keep a fair record of their proceedings; and exhibit the same to the Board of Directors, or to the Executive Committee, whenever required; and shall annually report to the Board the State of the Seminary and of the several departments.

§ 6. The members of the Faculty, with the exception of the President, shall not be eligible to the office of Directors.

§ 7. Any member of the Faculty, intending to resign his office, shall give in writing at least three months notice of such intention to the Board of Directors, or to the Executive Committee; which notice shall be duly entered upon their minutes. And no member of the Faculty shall absent himself from his place or station at the commencement of the academic year without the consent of the Board of Directors, or of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE III.

Instruction.

§ 1. The regular course of instruction and study in the Seminary shall occupy at least three full years, and shall ordinarily comprise the following branches, viz.: The Holy Scriptures in the original tongues; Biblical Literature and Interpretation; Systematic Theology; Ecclesiastical History and Polity; Sacred Rhetoric; Pastoral Theology; and such other subjects as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

§ 2. The regular instruction of the students shall be given by the Professors, and by such other persons as the Board of Directors may appoint. And no person shall be permitted to teach or to lecture in the Seminary without the consent of the Faculty and the concurrence of the Executive Committee.

§ 3. The Board may annually designate, from its own members, Professors Extraordinary in the various departments of theological science; who may then give instruction in the Seminary in concurrence with the Faculty.

ARTICLE IV.

Students.

§ 1. This Seminary shall be open for the admission of students of the requisite qualifications from every denomination of Christians.

§ 2. No student shall be matriculated, unless he present to the Faculty satisfactory testimonials of his personal piety and good standing in some evangelical church, and, except in extraordinary cases, unless he furnish satisfactory evidence of his having had a regular college education, or submit to an examination by the Faculty on the branches usually taught in such a course.

§ 3. No student shall be admitted with a view to pursue any other than the regular and full course of theological study, nor be dismissed with a view to abridge his full course, except in extraordinary cases, at the discretion of the Faculty.

§ 4. Every student, at his matriculation, shall make and subscribe the following declaration, in the presence of the Faculty, viz. :

“ Deeply impressed with a sense of my duty to God and to this Seminary, I do solemnly declare my intention of pursuing a three years’ course of theological study; and do promise, so long as I shall remain a member of this Seminary, to attend faithfully to all the duties and instructions of the regular course; to observe all the laws; to yield ready obedience to the requisitions of the Faculty and the Board of Directors; and to observe and do, according to my best knowledge, all other things pertaining to my relations as a student of theology.”

§ 5. The students shall be divided, according to the respective years of the course, into Junior, Middle and Senior Classes.

§ 6. Students may at any time be admitted into either of the classes, provided they shall be found qualified by the Faculty, on actual examination. Students from other Theological Seminaries, regularly dismissed in good standing, may be admitted into this Seminary *ad eundem*.

§ 7. No society or association shall be formed by or among the students, while belonging to the Seminary, without the permission of the Faculty and the concurrence of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V.

Library.

The Board of Directors shall take measures for the due preservation and enlargement of the Library; enact laws for the safe keeping, use and management of the same; appoint a Librarian, and prescribe his duties.

ARTICLE VI.

Professorships.

The sum of fifty thousand dollars shall be deemed requisite for the founding of a Professorship in this Institution; but any person or persons who shall pay into the treasury, or bequeath by will, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars or more for this purpose, shall have the privilege of naming the Professorship.

ARTICLE VII.

Scholarships.

Any person or persons who shall pay into the treasury, or bequeath by will, the sum of two thousand dollars or more for the purpose of founding a Scholarship, shall have the privilege, not only of naming such Scholarship, but also of nominating, during his or their lifetime, the beneficiaries who are to be placed upon said foundation.

ARTICLE VIII.

Donations and Endowments.

All devises, subscriptions and donations to the funds of the Seminary shall sacredly be considered as made to uphold and teach the doctrinal basis contained in Article I., Section 2, and in Article II., Section 2, of this Constitution.

ARTICLE IX.

Amendments of the Constitution.

§ 1. The Board of Directors shall have power, at any meeting regularly convened, to make any amendment to this Constitution, not inconsistent with the Act of Incorporation, or with the doctrinal basis contained in Article I., Section 2, and Article II., Section 2, of this Constitution; provided the said amendment shall have been proposed at a previous meeting, and shall be passed by an affirmative vote of not less than fifteen.

§ 2. All articles and provisions of the former Constitution of this Seminary, not embodied in this present Constitution, are hereby abrogated.

BY-LAWS

OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

§ 1. The President of the Board, or in his absence the Vice-President, shall preside at every meeting of the Directors. In the absence of both these officers, the Board may appoint a President *pro tempore*.

§ 2. The Recorder shall keep a fair record of all the doings of the Board; file and preserve all important papers; give due notice to the members of the Board and to the Faculty of all meetings of the Board, whether stated, adjourned or special; and do whatever else may properly belong to his office.

§ 3. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys, and invest or disburse them in such manner as the Board or Finance Committee may direct. He shall keep a regular account, and exhibit the same to the Board, duly audited, at the first stated meeting in each year; and shall further give information of the state of the treasury to the Board, or to the Executive Committee, whenever required. He shall also do whatever else may properly belong to his office; and shall give his bond with securities, according to the Constitution.

§ 4. The Board shall annually appoint from their own number an Auditing Committee of two, whose duty it shall be to examine the papers and vouchers of the Treasurer, and audit his account.

§ 5. In the appointment of any member of the Faculty a nomination shall be made at least four weeks before the election.

§ 6. The stated annual meeting of the Board shall be held on the day of the anniversary exercises of the Seminary. There shall also be a stated meeting

on the second Wednesday of January, March and November; the last-named shall be for the election of Directors, Honorary Members, Officers of the Board and Members of the Executive and Finance Committees for the ensuing year; and for the transaction of any other business.

§ 7. A special meeting of the Board may at any time be called by the presiding officer on the written request of any three members, or by the Executive Committee.

§ 8. Every meeting of the Board shall be opened and closed with prayer.

§ 9. The Directors, or a committee appointed by the Board for that purpose, shall attend the public examination of the classes in the Seminary.

§ 10. A printed copy of the Constitution and By-Laws, and also of the General Laws of the Seminary, shall be furnished to every Director, Professor, Teacher and Student.

§ 11. All nominations of new members for the Board of Directors shall be made by a Committee of Nomination; but no election shall be had, except by unanimous consent, until the next meeting after the nomination, and then, at the request of any member of the Board, the vote shall be taken by ballot.

§ 12. No change shall be made in these By-Laws of the Board, nor in the General Laws of the Seminary, either by addition, alteration or repeal, except by a vote of two-thirds of the Directors present.

GENERAL LAWS OF THE SEMINARY.

CHAPTER I.

The Faculty.

§ 1. The Faculty shall exercise the general powers and fulfil the duties assigned to them by the Constitution, Art. II. They shall adopt rules for the regular admission of students; prescribe by whom and to what extent leave of absence may be granted; decide on all applications for dismissal or for other objects; determine cases of discipline, and, in general, execute the laws and administer all the internal concerns of the Seminary; subject always to the advice and control of the Board of Directors.

§ 2. The Faculty shall keep watch over the regular and punctual attendance of the students on all the exercises of the Seminary. For this end they may appoint monitors in the several classes or departments, whose duty it shall be to mark all cases of absence or tardiness in the students at every regular exercise; keep regular bills under the direction of the Faculty, and report

the same whenever required. These bills shall be preserved by the Faculty, and submitted to the Board whenever required.

§ 3. Every Professor and Instructor shall lay before the Board, whenever required, a syllabus of his course of instruction in the Seminary, and shall adopt such alterations therein as the Board may direct.

§ 4. At the close of every academic year each Professor shall make a full report in writing to the Board, in reference to his own department during that year; and the Faculty shall also make a joint report in writing on the state of the Seminary.

CHAPTER II.

The Students.

§ 1. Every applicant for admission into the Seminary, in addition to the requisitions of the Constitution, shall furnish to the Faculty satisfactory evidence of his proficiency in science, and particularly in the original languages of the Scriptures; * and of his object in pursuing theological studies.

§ 2. No person, not regularly admitted into the Seminary, shall be allowed to attend the lectures of the Professors in the Institution for more than one week, without permission from the Faculty.

§ 3. Strict temperance, neatness, gentlemanly and Christian deportment, sobriety and diligence, are expected from every member of the Seminary.

§ 4. Every student shall pursue the regular course of study, and shall prepare such compositions and perform such other exercises as shall be prescribed to him by the Faculty or by his several instructors. He shall receive their advice in reference to his studies, and submit the compositions required of him to their inspection.

§ 5. Every student shall strictly regard the hours prescribed by the Faculty for study and for the exercises of the Seminary; and shall regularly and punctually attend all such exercises, whether public or private. But no student shall attend the instruction of any person not a teacher in the Seminary, without the permission of the Faculty.

§ 6. The students, while attending upon the instructions of the Seminary, are expected to give themselves strictly to the pursuit of theological study. Nor shall any student engage in teaching, or in any occupation other than his regular studies, during term time, without the permission of the Faculty, which permission shall not ordinarily be given for more than two hours in each day.

§ 7. In ordinary cases no student shall absent himself from the Seminary, or from any exercises, without leave obtained beforehand. And if a student be unavoidably absent without such leave, he shall promptly make his excuse, and give his reasons to an instructor. All cases of special delinquency, whether as to attendance on lectures or other exercises, punctuality in returning after vacation, or diligence and proficiency in study, shall be reported to the Faculty.

§ 8. If any student shall be absent for four weeks from his duties in the

* For the present a knowledge of Hebrew is not required for admission.

Seminary without leave, his connection with the Seminary shall cease, unless he render satisfactory reasons to the Faculty.

§ 9. All the students shall regularly attend the public examinations of their several classes. If any student shall be absent from or shall not satisfactorily pass any such examination, in order to retain his standing, he shall be required to sustain a subsequent examination by the Faculty.

§ 10. If a student shall be guilty of any immorality, or of any disrespect or insult to an officer or instructor, he shall be suspended or cut off from the Seminary by the Faculty, unless he make reasonable and immediate satisfaction for his offence. If a student shall neglect his regular studies, or be guilty of indiscretion, or of exhibiting levity or indifference in regard to religion; or shall violate the laws of the Institution; he shall be faithfully admonished by an instructor in private, or, if judged expedient, in the presence of his class, or before the Faculty. And if any student, after due admonition, shall continue to exhibit unbecoming deportment, he shall be suspended or cut off from the Seminary, at the discretion of the Faculty.

§ 11. Every student is subject to a charge of ten dollars a year for the general expenses of the Seminary.

CHAPTER III.

License to Preach, etc.

§ 1. No student shall apply to any ecclesiastical body for license to preach before the month of February in his Senior year, nor receive ordination before the expiration of his regular course; except in cases of special urgency, to be judged of by the Faculty.

§ 2. Any student who shall preach without being duly licensed shall, at the discretion of the Faculty, be subject to discipline, and be reported to the ecclesiastical body to which he is amenable.

CHAPTER IV.

Resident Licentiates and Ministers.

Persons who have honorably passed a regular course of theological study, and received license or ordination to preach, may, on application to the Faculty, be permitted to connect themselves with the Seminary as Residents; with the privilege of having access to the Library, to the instructions of the teachers, and to the other exercises of the Seminary, under the direction of the Faculty.

CHAPTER V.

Devotional Exercises.

§ 1. Every student is expected to spend a portion of time daily in meditation, in reading the Scriptures with a view to personal edification, and in prayer.

§ 2. As public worship on the Lord's day is not held in the Seminary, it is enjoined upon the students each to worship regularly with some one of the evangelical churches of New York, Brooklyn or the vicinity, and to remain under its spiritual watch and care.

§ 3. It is expected of every student, whose voice and health will permit, that he will cultivate the study and practice of sacred music, so far at least as to be able to take part in performing this duty of public devotion.

§ 4. Every lecture, recitation or other regular exercises in the Seminary shall be opened with prayer.

§ 5. There shall be daily public prayers in the Seminary, under the direction of the Faculty, one of whom shall ordinarily officiate, and all the students are required punctually to attend.

CHAPTER VI.

Anniversary and Examinations.

§ 1. The academic year shall consist of a single term, commencing on the second Wednesday of September, and ending on the Monday before the second Thursday of May.

§ 2. The public Anniversary of the Seminary shall be held on the last day of the term. The exercises shall consist of essays and orations by members of the Senior class, under the direction of the Faculty. But nothing shall be delivered by any student which has not been previously submitted in writing to the Faculty, and approved by them.

§ 3. At each Anniversary every student who shall have satisfactorily completed the regular course prescribed in the Seminary, and have been approved by the Board shall receive a diploma signed by the Faculty, the President of the Board, and the Recorder.

§ 4. There shall be in each year a public examination of all the classes commencing at least one week before the Anniversary and conducted by the Instructors, in the presence of the Faculty and the Board of Directors, or a Committee of the same.

CHAPTER VII.

The Library.

§ 1. A Librarian shall be appointed by the Board of Directors, for the term of two years, and until another shall be chosen in his place. He shall have charge of the Library; be responsible for its management and for the safe keeping of the books according to the laws; and shall be allowed by the Board a reasonable compensation for his services.

§ 2. It shall be the duty of the Librarian to be present when the Library is open; to keep an alphabetical catalogue of all the books belonging to it, in which the title, size, place and number of copies and volumes of every author shall be noted; to keep a book of donations in which shall be entered the names of all books presented to the Library, the time when and the persons by whom they were presented; to keep the Library in good order, properly

swept, aired and dusted; to keep a complete record of all books taken from and returned to the Library, the time when, and the persons by whom.

§ 3. The Librarian may appoint a substitute, who shall in the absence of the Librarian perform his duty.

§ 4. The Faculty shall designate those books which in their opinion are of such a nature or value that they ought not to be taken from the Library, and none of these shall be loaned except by the special order of a member of the Faculty.

§ 5. The Directors, Honorary Members, Faculty, Instructors and Students shall alone be entitled ordinarily to take out books from the Library. But in special cases the Librarian may loan books to other persons, on the written order of a member of the Faculty specifying the particular books.

§ 6. Ministers of the Gospel, Students of Theology, and other persons of professional or literary standing, introduced by a Director or a member of the Faculty, may avail themselves of the privileges of the Library, under the direction of the Librarian.

§ 7. No conversation can be permitted in the Library during Library hours, except such as may be necessary with the Librarian; and that only in an undertone. And no persons, except the Faculty and Directors, may take down or put up any book without the permission of the Librarian.

§ 8. Persons authorized to take out books, shall, in no case whatever, lend any book or books borrowed from the Library to any other persons.

§ 9. For all books injured, defaced or lost the borrower shall be responsible, and shall make reasonable compensation, to be determined by the Librarian.

§ 10. The Library, during term time, shall be open for the reception and delivery of books twice every week, and for consultation every week-day, Saturday excepted, at such hours as the Faculty may direct.

§ 11. No student shall ordinarily have at one time more than three volumes from the Library, nor retain any book longer than one month. But elementary or classical books, which may be necessary to a student for his course of study he may obtain on the written order of a member of the Faculty. The Librarian may require that any book shall be covered by the person borrowing it.

§ 12. The Directors and members of the Faculty shall have access to the Library at all times; and the Librarian, at the request of any one of them, shall require any book in the hands of a student to be returned immediately to the Library.

§ 13. At the close of each academic year, all books, by whomsoever borrowed, shall be punctually returned; and the Library shall be carefully inspected by a committee of the Board appointed for that purpose.

§ 14. If any person or persons, or any society, church or congregation, shall present to the Library books sufficient to fill one case; or shall place at the disposal of the Library Committee for a like purpose the sum of five hundred dollars or more; then the Librarian shall cause the name of the donor or donors to be engraved on a suitable plate, and the same to be permanently placed upon one of the cases.

§ 15. The Faculty shall have power to make any further rules for the regulations of the Library not inconsistent with these laws.

CHAPTER VIII.

Rooms for Students.

§ 1. An assignment of rooms shall take place near the close of each academic year, and shall be made in such manner as the Faculty may direct.

§ 2. In this assignment the higher class shall have the priority in the choice of rooms; provided, however, that any student may, with permission of the Faculty, retain the room already occupied by him.

§ 3. An assignment of rooms to the Junior class shall be made within one week from the commencement of the term, and in such manner as the Faculty may direct.

§ 4. No student or other person shall in any way have or acquire a right or claim to any room or part thereof, belonging to the Seminary, except through the Faculty. Nor shall any student retain his right or claim to a room any longer than he continues to occupy it personally.

§ 5. No student shall exchange his room for another without permission from the Faculty.

§ 6. Rooms vacated, during the academic year, may be assigned to students by the Faculty, regard being had to the class-standing of the applicants.

§ 7. Every room, the occupant of which is not present at the opening of the academic year, shall be regarded as vacant after ten days; unless the said occupant previously give to the Faculty sufficient reasons for his absence. But in no case shall a room be thus reserved longer than four weeks, at the discretion of the Faculty.

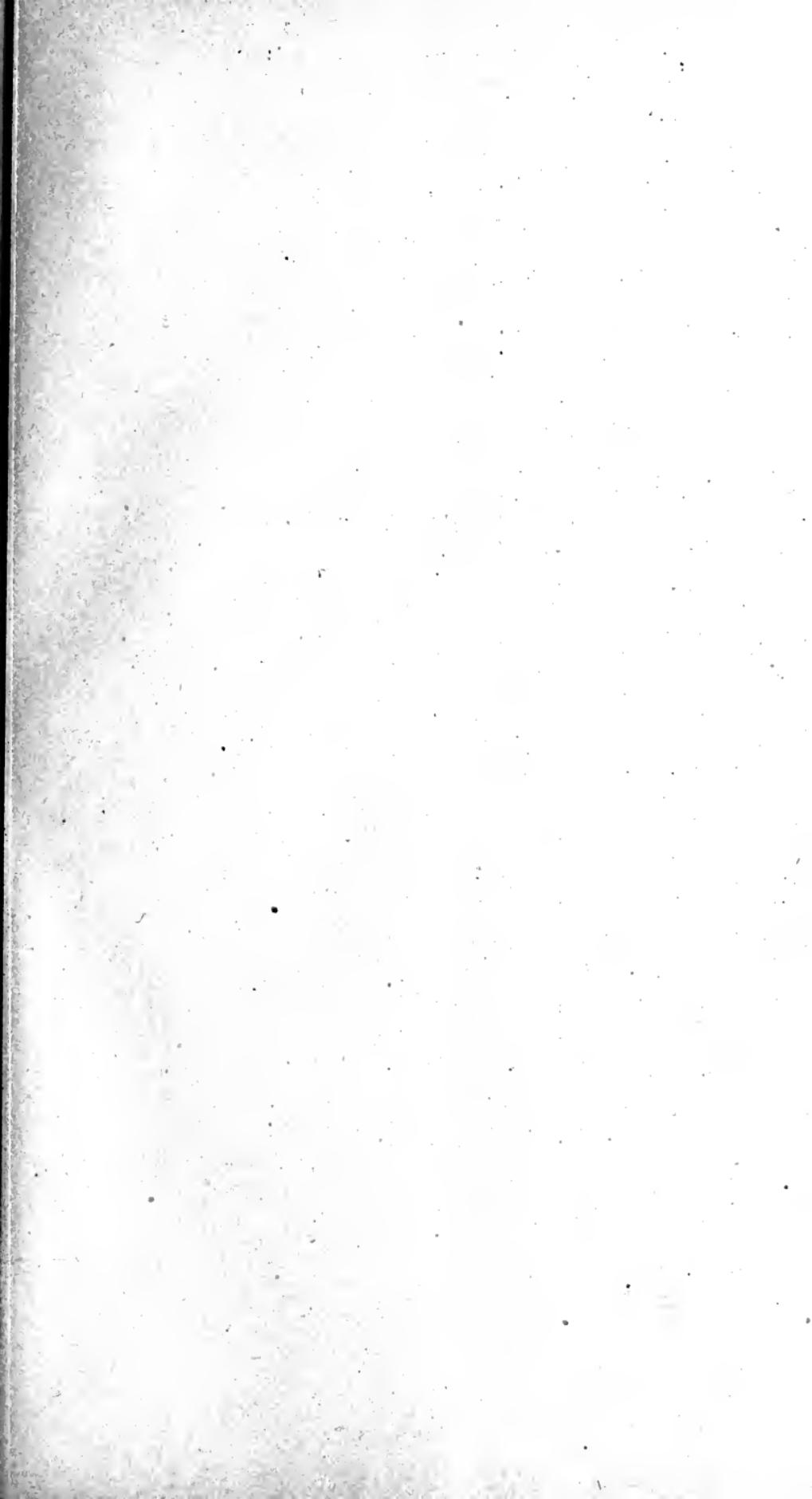
§ 8. If any student shall absent himself from the Seminary without permission from the Faculty, his room shall be regarded as vacant at the expiration of one week; and any student absent with leave shall have no claim to his room after four weeks; nor, whenever the Board are paying rent for rooms out of the Seminary, shall any student, absent with leave, have a claim to his room after one week.

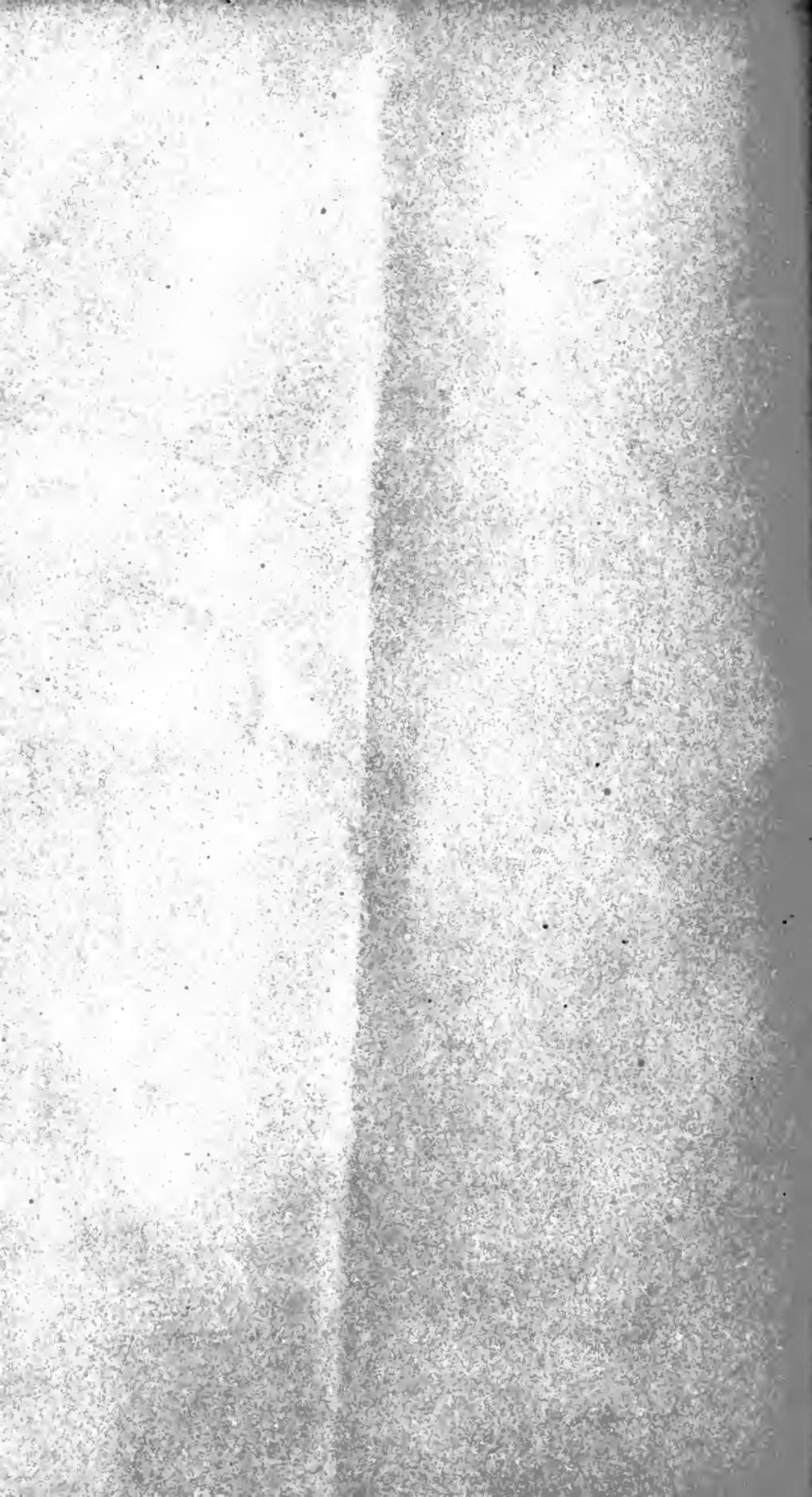
§ 9. No student shall make any fixture in his room except with leave of the Faculty; and any fixture thus permitted, or in any way made, shall thereafter belong to the room.

§ 10. Every student shall be responsible for any injury done to his room or to the furniture thereof.

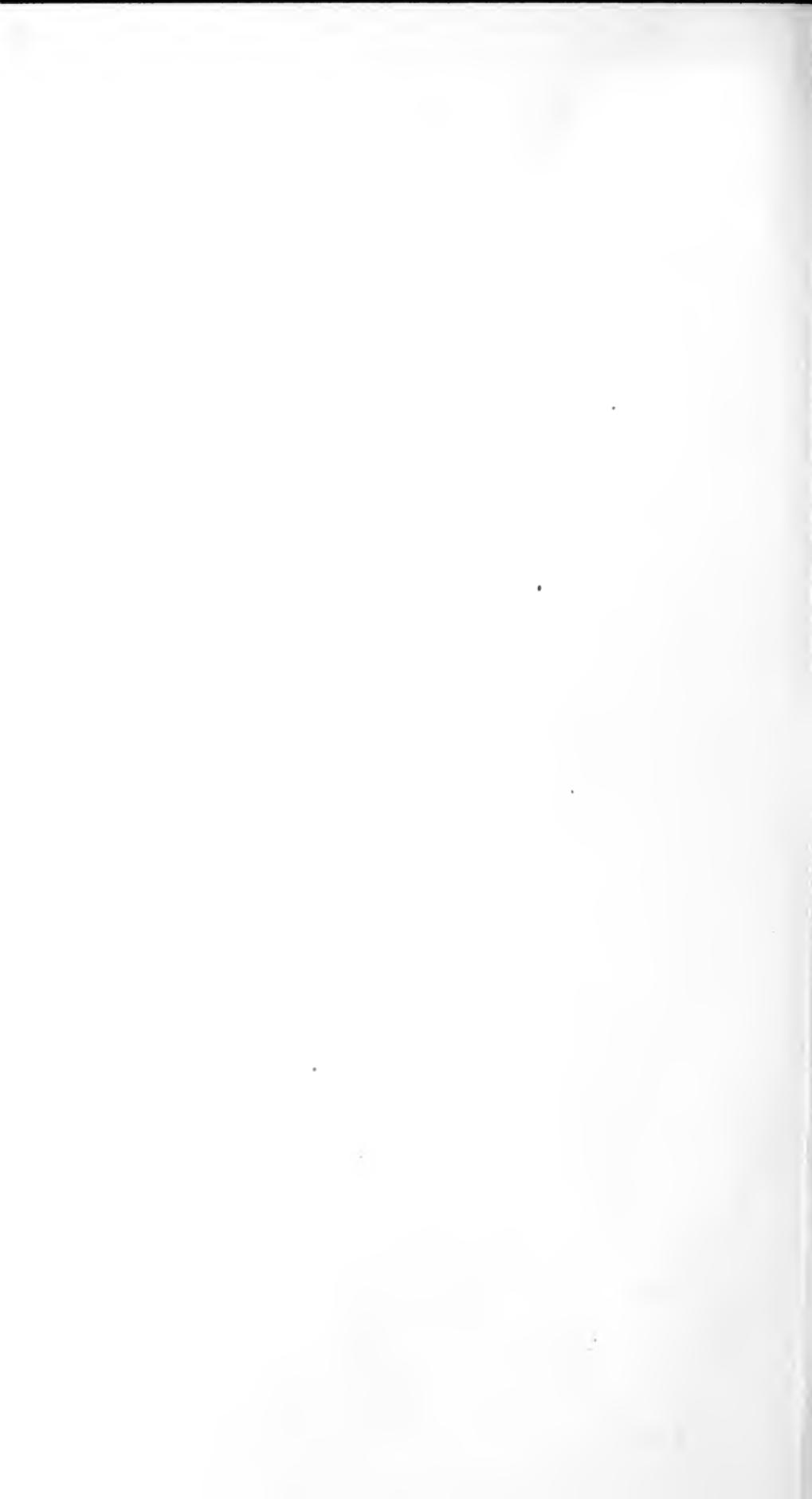
§ 11. It is expected that all students who are able to provide rooms for themselves will not apply for rooms in the Seminary.











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